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Republican Platform on Labor.

The Republican state platform, in substance, "favors the organization of trades into distinct bodies, binding them together in ties so loose as to leave each trade entirely independent," and favors the first day of September as a legal holiday, all of which is fine reading, but why should the ties be loose? Inasmuch as all laborers or wealth producers belong to the same great family, they should be close, and the closer the ties the better. The great reason why labor is languishing, and the laborer lies crushed at the feet, and by the heel of the plutocrat, is because ties were loosely held, or were not recognized and cultivated. The miner, operative, mechanic and farmer have interests in common. Each of the working classes must have a market for its surplus products in order to exchange for what it does not produce. If the demand for farm produce is slight, if the price is too low, or if the farmer is in any way deprived of a fair return for his labor, his ability to buy boots, shoes, clothing, lumber, farming implements, or employ mechanics is thereby curtailed. On the other hand, if the miner, operative and mechanic are unemployed, or do not receive remunerative wages, they, in turn, are unable to buy what the farmer produces, and so such a state of affairs acts, and reacts to the detriment of all. All laborers should stand closely together because of natural ties, and because of self interest; and the proposition of the Republican convention that the ties should be loose, only goes to show that friendship from that quarter is hollow mockery.

Of what use is a holiday to a man out of employment, and whose wife and children, in consequence, are starving, are not clothed or are living in some wretched tenement not half good enough for swine? Any pretension of friendship from a convention that endorses so much rascality and so many rascals must be received as only a bid for votes. The monster spider is still at his devilish work of spinning his web and alluring to destruction the unsuspecting, the weak and helpless. God help the laborer, whether he be in field, mine or workshop, if his only friend is the Shylock politician!

Has anybody heard of Senator Plumb's bill to abolish the senate saloon since its introduction? or of the bill introduced submitting a prohibitory amendment to the people of the United States?

Get up a Club and catch a Prize.

The Financial Situation.

The following from the Toledo Blade of the 18th gives the financial situation: "The New York money market was extremely stringent last week. On Wednesday the rate on call loans advanced to 15 per cent., and on Thursday and Friday it ran up at times to a panic price, reaching $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent. per day and 6 per cent. or 186 per cent. per annum, though the average was only 15 per cent., itself an enormous rate."

The reason given for this extraordinary advance in rates of interest, is as follows:

"This closeness of the money market was due to the active demand from the south and west to move crops, and the comparatively small amount of money reaching trade channels."

The true reason is not given, but if it were, the necessity for breaking up the Wall street gang of thieves is all the more urgent. Admit that it is true that there is an active demand for money to move the crops in the south and west, and it follows that Wall street has taken advantage of necessity, and by advancing rates of interest robs the farmer at a time when he can ill afford it, because of a shortage in grain crops. But the truth is that it was not the demand, for there is no corn crop to move; the wheat and flax crops, to a great extent, are moved, and with the cotton crop only to move, the demand in this line is comparatively light. The advance is not, as is again claimed, due to large importations of foreign goods, but the real reason is two-fold, or in other words, the object was to steal from the people through two sources—through the source of high interest, and through the source of taxation. It will be remembered that immediately after the squeeze began, Secretary Windom went to New York and there held a conference with leading bankers, and that after the conference he advanced the paying price for bonds from \$1.24 to \$1.25, and also announced his willingness to pay interest on bonds one year in advance. The offer was greedily accepted, as is shown by the fact that up to the 10th, 50,000,000 of 4 per cents had been presented. Grand scheme! Tax the people to obtain a surplus—squeeze the market for high rates of interest—have the treasurer pay out the surplus in advance—loan again to the people to pay taxes. 'Rah (?) for the g. o. p.

The politicians are frightened. The old party machines have run off the track and there is a great scrambling to patch up the wrecks. They find it will take every available man in the nation to get their railroads fixed up so they can ride into office. Voter, they will call on you. Are you going to stand the party lash or show your manliness by voting for principle and the best men for office.—Chicago *Lever*.

Judging from the past, and from the present signs of things among the old party ring bosses, we are led to believe that the ring bosses, who get Shylock's boodle, are now promising every fellow of the party an office if he will just use the ring boss whip in keeping free Americans in the old ring boss party. Should not wonder if there are 109 fellows in Anderson county who are handling the whip on the promise of an office.

SEE our premiums for club-raisers, then go to work.

Mongrelism.

The Kincaid Dispatch has from time to time published slurring remarks about the People's movement. These observations are copied by the Plaindealer with apparent satisfaction, or vice versa, when the Plaindealer evolves from its fertile brain some slanderous fib, the Dispatch copies. Evidently the two papers are as thick as thief and receiver of stolen goods. Now the Dispatch claims to be straight Democratic, and the Plaindealer straight Republican, and as both papers are fighting the People's party, and as the People's party is fighting Ingalls, it may be inferred that the Dispatch, as well as the Plaindealer, is fighting for the re-election of Ingalls.

Now, Senator Ingalls said in his recent speech in Pittsburg: "The Democratic party has always been, and it will continue to be, wrong, world without end, amen. The Democratic party is the political dumping ground of politics in the nineteenth century. My fellow citizens, I have erred in calling Democracy a party. It is an aggregation of the ignorance, the imbecility, and the disloyalty of this country. I think the worst Republican that ever lived is better by far than the best Democrat that ever lived." The above is only a portion of the abuse heaped upon Democrats and the Democratic party, but is sufficient to show that Mr. Ingalls is capable of descending to almost rascality in opposing an adversary, and trails senatorial dignity in the filth of ward boss tactics, and no Democrat can, it only for his uncalled for abuse, support his re-election. Now if the Dispatch is Democratic, as it claims to be, and yet supports Mr. Ingalls for re-election, is not the Dispatch the most mangy, bob-tailed, yaller-dog "mongrel" that ever had a short-lived existence? We are willing to leave it to the readers of the Dispatch who is the "mongrel," the Dispatch or the People's party that is fighting the re-election of the "skinning" senator.

Boss Quay.

The Republicans in congress are not like Barnum's happy family, but decidedly the reverse. Their high-handed course and bad laws have aroused the country, and now even the leaders are attacking their own party, in hopes to please their constituents and save their political bacon. The silver law, the force bill and the tariff bill, seem to be the rocks upon which the Republican bark will break and founder. Well, it is time the engine of oppression and class laws should be wrapped in its shroud and laid away.

In a speech in the house, Mr. Kennedy, of Ohio, a radical Republican, came out with a broadside aimed at Matt Quay, the millionaire national chairman of the Republican party. Among other things he said:

The Judas Iscariot of 2,000 years ago is to find a counterpart in the Judas Iscariot of to-day. The Judas who took the thirty pieces of silver and went and hanged himself, has left an example for the Matt Quays that is well worthy of their imitation. A man (Mr. Quay) occupying a high place in the councils of the party to which I belong, has suffered himself month in and month out to be charged with crime and misdemeanors for which, if guilty, he should have been condemned under the laws of his state and have had meted out to him the fullest measures of its punishment. This man is a Republican. Shall I now remain silent? Is it just and honest to remain in my seat silent because one who is accused of crimes and refuses to seek for vindication is a Republican, and that Republican the recognized leader of

my party? Neither decency nor honor would permit me to do so. His silence under the circumstances is the confession of guilt. Under such circumstances he should be driven from the head of a party whose very life his presence imperils. The Republican party has done enough for its pretended leader. Let him be relegated to the rear. It is no longer a question of his vindication; it is now a question of the life of the party itself.—Iowa Tribune.

Boss Quay stands to-day as the head organizer of Republican tactics. Whatever method is proposed in congress must meet his approval. Whatever appointments are at the hands of the president, Quay must first be consulted. He knows the country. He is a politician, and every maneuver of the party must be made with reference to its effect upon the vote in this or that section. As he knows the sections and works the deals, measures affecting the sections must be worked through him. We do not wish to give a man an important place that he does not deserve. But Quay holds that place, and as long as he does so we hold the Republican party responsible therefor.

Go on, Kennedy. "Let slip the dogs of war." Some of these hard-headed fellows who haven't believed what we have told them will know the truth when it is rammed down their throats from Republican papers such as quoted this speech. But one question Kennedy: can you elect another president without Quay's help?—Chicago *Lever*.

Owing to the fact that the Republican party of Kansas have declared for Ingalls and against the decalogue and golden rule in politics, we venture that Boss Quay will directly or indirectly boodle in Kansas during this campaign interests of John Jeems Ingalls.

The one most important thing to do this fall is to elect congressmen who will represent the people who elect them and not Wall street, New York. You better do this if you leave your crops in the field, but you can gather your crops and do it. Away with the men who are owned body and soul by Boss Reed.—Iowa Tribune.

We add, amen to the above, and say away with both the old parties that are owned by the combinations who live by skinning the people.

The People's party take notice; Democrats of Holt, Mo., burned Senator Ingalls in effigy, Tuesday evening last. Do you approve of the act?—Garnett *R.-P.*

The Republican party take notice: Republicans of Garnett, Topeka and other Kansas towns burned and hanged John P. St. John in effigy, in 1884. Do you approve of the act?

State Alliance.

The State Alliance meets at Topeka, at 10 o'clock a. m., October 15th. The basis of representation is, one delegate from each county Alliance, and one for every fifteen, in each county; and one delegate from each unorganized county with one or more subordinate alliances.

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Central Committee Meeting.

The People's party central committee will meet at Garnett, Saturday, October 18th at 2 p. m., at the court house. G. A. SMITH, Chairman.

W. M. BROWN, Secretary.

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